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### **Rep. Labriola Vows To Reintroduce Legislation To Restrict Access To Methamphetamine Ingredients**



#### *Local Legislator Attends Today's Methamphetamine Forum At State Capitol*

**HARTFORD**-State Representative David Labriola, R-131st, today vowed to reintroduce legislation that would limit access to the common ingredients of methamphetamine in Connecticut. As a member of the Legislature's Judiciary Committee, Rep. Labriola attended a symposium of state officials that focused on the potential impact of the drug in Connecticut. The event was led by Chief State's Attorney Christopher Morano at the State Capitol complex.

Rep. Labriola proposed the legislation in each of the past three Legislative Sessions and pledged to reintroduce it when the 2006 session begins in February.

Law enforcement officials in several states have confirmed that the drug, commonly referred to as 'crystal meth' or 'meth,' represents their most significant illegal drug problem. The drug was the subject of local attention in June, when authorities raided two suspected methamphetamine labs in East Hampton, CT.

There are many ways to synthesize the drug from a variety of chemicals. Common cold medications containing psuedophedrine are often used as a central ingredient in illegal labs. Rep. Labriola's proposal would establish behind-the-counter access for such medications, so that stores are aware of quantities purchased by each customer.

"Abuse of this drug has reached epidemic proportions in a number of states," said Rep. Labriola. "We need to restrict access to its common ingredients, which has been done in other states, to prevent such an epidemic here in Connecticut."